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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The initial deadline for filing an appeal brief from the Notice of Appeal filed June 22, 2009 is August 22, 2009. A one-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a), such that a brief is timely if filed by Tuesday, September 22, 2009.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 50-1676 in the name of Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

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